Noes—23.

Sri D. Dasarathan.
,, A. Ratnam.
,, M. Palaniyandi.
,, M. Kalyanasundaram.
,, K. P. Gopalan.
,, T. C. Narayanan Nambiar.
,, C. Kandasami.
,, K. T. Raju.
,, S. Ramalingam.
,, S. Vadivelu.
,, K. C. Gopalan Unni.
,, V. Madanagopal.
Sri P. K. Gopalakrishnan.
,, N. Sivaraj.
,, A. K. Subbiah.
,, K. V. Ramasamy.
,, T. S. Ardhanari.
,, P. Venkatesha Sholagar.
,, K. Madhavan Nambiar.
,, E. T. Kunhan.
,, R. Krishnan.
,, P. Chokkalingam.
,, M. Manickasundaram.

Neutral—25.

Dr. K. B. Menon.
Sri M. Narayana Kurup.
,, K. T. Sridharan.
,, S. S. Kolkebail.
,, K. R. Nallasivam.
,, C. Kunhirama Kurup.
,, V. Sankaranarayana Menon.
,, M. Narayanan Nambiar.
,, S. Pakkirisami Pillay.
,, N. Paramasiva Udayar.
,, O. Koran.
,, K. Moidu.
,, C. Velukkan.
Sri S. Swayamprakasam.
,, V. Gopala Gounder.
,, N. Rathina Gounder.
,, M. P. Subramaniam.
,, K. R. Sambandam.
,, P. Rangasamy Reddiar.
,, T. Shunmugam.
,, A. Govindaswamy Nayagar.
,, A. K Hanumantharaya Gounder.
,, S. P. Thangavelu.
,, M. Kandaswami Kander.
,, A. Veloo.

Ayes—88; Noes—23; Neutral—25.

The motion was declared carried.

Whereupon the Hon. the Speaker, in pursuance of the above resolution of the House, ordered all strangers including those in the Press and Council Members galleries to withdraw and strangers withdrew accordingly.

The remainder of the discussion on the question of privilege was in secret session*

12-25 p.m. At this stage, the secret session having ended, the Press representatives and visitors were allowed to re-enter the Chamber.

III.—MOTION UNDER RULE 40 *RE* CLOSURE OF THE THAKKAR BABA VIDYALAYA HOSTEL, MADRAS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Sri M. Kalyanasundaram has given notice of a motion under rule 40. It is an important rule and this is the first time we are going to use it. I want to brush up not only my memory but also the memory of hon. Members. The rule reads as follows :—

' 40. (1) A member may, after questions, and with the previous permission of the Speaker, call the attention of a Minister to any matter of urgent public importance and the Minister may then make a brief statement on the matter or ask for time to make a statement later.

(2) There shall be no debate on such statement at the time it is made.

* Portions regarding secret session separately published.

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(3) Not more than one matter shall be raised under this rule at the same sitting.

(4) In the event of more than one matter being presented for the same day, priority shall be given to the matter which in the opinion of the Speaker, is more urgent and important.

(5) The proposed matter shall be raised only after questions and before the list of business is entered upon and at no other time during the sitting of the House.' "

* SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, ஹரிஜன சேவா சங்கத்தின் சார்பில் ஸ்ரீ எல். என். கோபாலசாமி அவர்களின் நிர்வாகத்தின்கீழ் நடைபெற்றுவருகிற தக்கர் பாபா வித்யாலயம் என்ற ஸ்தாபனம் ஒன்று தியாகராயநகரில் இருக்கிறது. இதற்கு நம்முடைய சர்க்கார் பணம் கொடுத்து உதவுவதாகத் தெரிகிறது. அங்கு ஒரு ஹாஸ்டலை நடத்துவதற்கும் பள்ளிக்கூடத்தை நடத்துவதற்கும் சர்க்கார் சப்ஸிடி கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள். அந்த வித்யாலயமும் சர்க்கார் கல்வி இலாகாவால் அங்கீகரிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அந்த வித்யாலயத்தில் இப்பொழுது கிட்டதட்ட 120 மாணவர்கள் படித்து வருகின்றார்கள். அவர்களும் 10 வயதிலிருந்து 18 வயது வரையில் இருப்பதாக தெரிகிறது. அந்த மாணவர்கள் தொழில் கல்வி கற்று வருகின்றார்களாகவும் அவர்களில் பெரும்பாலோர் ஹரிஜன வகுப்பைச் சேர்ந்தவர்களாகவும் ஒரு சிலர் பிற்பட்ட வகுப்பைச் சேர்ந்தவர்களாகவும் இருக்கிறார்கள். அந்தப் பள்ளிக் கூடத்தில் சில கிளர்ச்சிகள் ஏற்பட்டதன் காரணமாக திடீரென்று மூடிவிட்டார்கள். அங்குள்ள குறைகளைச் சொல்லிக்கொள்ள சில மாணவர்கள் தங்களிடமும் கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களிடமும் இரண்டு நாட்களுக்கு முன்பாக வந்து சொன்னதும் எல்லாருக்கும் தெரியும். அது தங்களுடைய ஞாபகத்திற்கு இப்பொழுது வரும் என்று நினைக்கிறேன். அதுசம்பந்தமான நிலைமை என்ன ? இப்பொழுது அந்தப் பள்ளிக்கூடத்தை அடியோடு மூடிவிட்டதாக பத்திரிகைகளில் செய்தி வந்திருக்கிறது. அது சம்பந்தமான நிலைமையை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் விளக்கவேண்டும் என்று கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்." 12-30 p.m.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, it was only on the afternoon of the 8th of February I came to know in your Chamber in the presence of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Sri K. Rajaram and a few other M.L.As. that the Thakkar Baba Vidyalaya Hostel was closed temporarily. Immediately the Director of Harijan Welfare was asked to go and find out the reasons for the closure. The Director contacted the Secretary and informed us that the hostel was closed on account of the misbehaviour of some students. The students' representatives were sent for. We assured them that we would enquire into the matter and asked the students, except the seventeen students whom the management did not want to admit, to go to the hostel in the meantime. We promised to provide accommodation for these seventeen students in another hostel. The students went out giving the impression that they would get into the hostel. But subsequently they seem to have decided either to enter the hostel *en bloc* or to stay away. The matter is now being enquired into by the Director of Harijan Welfare. I have asked him to find out the reasons for the issue of the order for the temporary closure, the circumstances which led to the departure of the students from the hostel, the grievances of the students and the difficulties of the management. The Director's report is awaited in a day or two. The Government are anxious that this useful

institution whose foundation-stone was laid by Mahatma Gandhi, which was sponsored and is being supported by several philanthropic gentlemen and which bears the name of a revered social reformer Thakkar Baba, is maintained intact. The Government will do their best to see that a proper atmosphere is created for the early resumption of the normal activities of the institution."

12-40 p.m. * SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" On a point of clarification, Sir. May I know from the Hon. Minister what has happened to the students? They have already been expelled. They are strangers to the City. Are they staying somewhere? Are they given some protection? That is what I want to know."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The matter is being looked into by the Director of Harijan Welfare."

IV.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received a message, dated the 8th February 1955, from the Hon. Chairman, Madras Legislative Council, transmitting a copy of the Madras City Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 1 of 1955), as passed and agreed to by the Council on the 8th February 1955 without any amendment."

V.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS IRRIGATION (LEVY OF BETTERMENT CONTRIBUTION) BILL, 1954—*cont.*

MR. SPEAKER :—" We shall now take up the consideration of the Madras Irrigation (Levy of Betterment Contribution), Bill, 1954, clause by clause. We shall take up the Preamble and clauses 1 and 2 at the end."

Clause 3.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

' That clause 3 do stand part of the Bill.' "

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, I move the following amendments which stand in my name—

' *In line* 4, omit *the words* " *or alteration* ".

In lines 5 *and* 6, omit *the brackets and words* " *(including the installation by them of a pumping set)* ".

In line 4, *after the word* " *construction* ", insert *the word* " *or* ".

Omit *the words* " *whether after the commencement of this Act or* . . . 1947 '.